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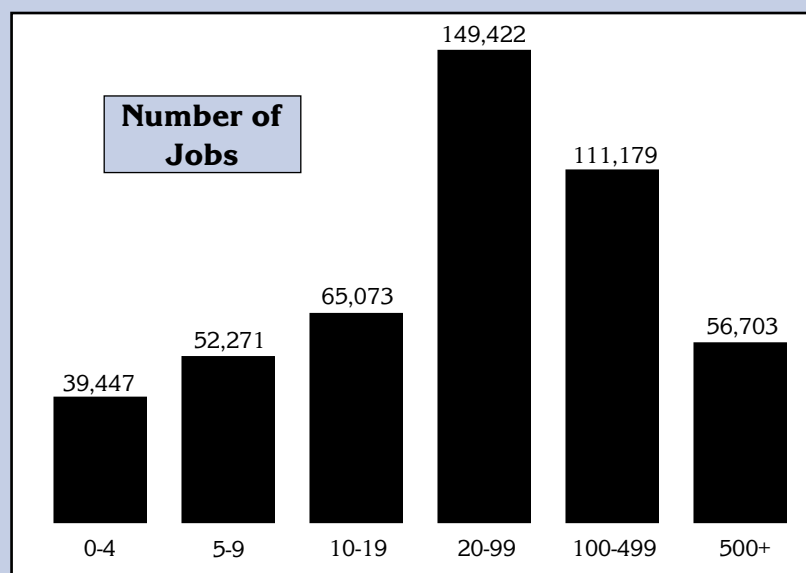
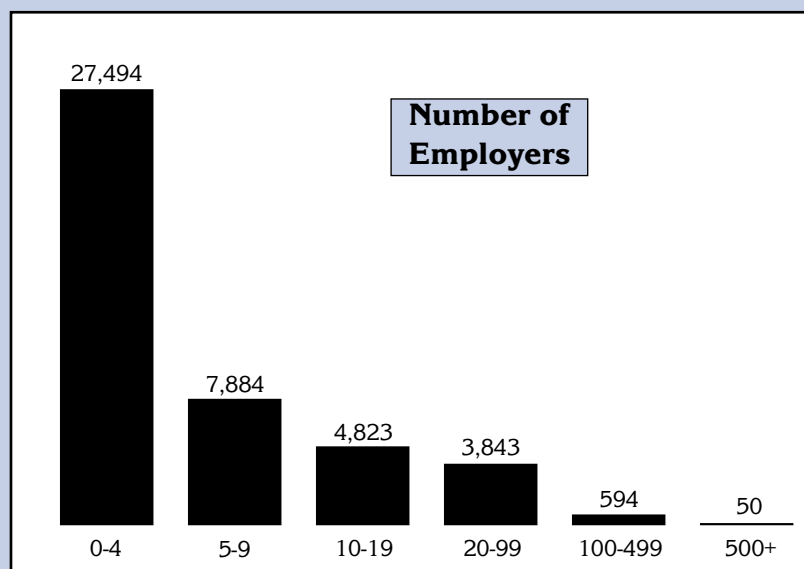
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LABOR MARKET DIGEST

July Data

September 2004

Private Employers and Jobs by Establishment Size Maine, March 2004



Note: Data for private establishments covered under the Maine Employment Security Law. See related table on page 8.

Civilian Labor Force, Employed, and Unemployed by Labor Market Area, Not Seasonally Adjusted

AREA	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ¹			EMPLOYED ²			UNEMPLOYED ³			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE ⁴		
	Jul 04	Jun 04	Jul 03	Jul 04	Jun 04	Jul 03	Jul 04	Jun 04	Jul 03	Jul 04	Jun 04	Jul 03
LABOR MARKET AREAS												
Augusta	47,790	47,010	47,500	46,060	45,160	45,370	1,730	1,850	2,130	3.6%	3.9%	4.5%
Bangor MSA	54,000	53,900	53,300	52,500	52,200	51,700	1,500	1,600	1,600	2.8	3.1	3.0
Bath-Brunswick	35,320	35,650	35,030	34,390	34,600	33,870	930	1,050	1,160	2.6	3.0	3.3
Belfast	19,090	19,010	19,160	18,560	18,400	18,510	540	610	660	2.8	3.2	3.4
Biddeford	47,750	46,430	47,460	46,590	45,080	46,080	1,160	1,350	1,370	2.4	2.9	2.9
Boothbay Harbor	11,590	10,940	11,580	11,430	10,750	11,390	160	190	190	1.4	1.7	1.7
Bucksport	5,020	5,100	4,980	4,790	4,850	4,770	230	250	210	4.5	4.9	4.3
Calais	4,960	4,900	4,850	4,550	4,410	4,330	410	480	530	8.3	9.9	10.9
Dexter-Pittsfield	12,120	12,270	12,200	11,270	11,290	11,220	850	980	970	7.0	8.0	8.0
Dover-Foxcroft	6,860	7,090	6,920	6,530	6,690	6,410	330	410	510	4.9	5.7	7.3
Ellsworth-Bar Harbor	25,220	23,750	24,910	24,430	22,810	24,100	790	930	800	3.1	3.9	3.2
Farmington	16,730	16,950	16,740	15,840	15,930	15,720	890	1,020	1,020	5.3	6.0	6.1
Fort Kent	4,060	4,070	4,040	3,750	3,660	3,720	310	410	330	7.5	10.0	8.1
Greenville	1,110	1,070	1,070	1,080	1,020	1,020	30	50	50	3.0	4.6	4.7
Houlton	6,520	6,650	6,420	6,240	6,280	6,100	290	370	320	4.4	5.6	5.0
Jonesport-Milbridge	4,120	4,180	4,190	3,900	3,930	3,910	220	240	280	5.3	5.8	6.7
Kittery-York ⁵	23,510	22,940	23,570	22,950	22,210	22,270	570	730	1,300	2.4	3.2	5.5
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	56,000	55,600	55,100	54,200	53,600	52,600	1,900	2,100	2,500	3.3	3.7	4.5
Lincoln-Howland	5,940	6,260	6,080	5,490	5,630	5,620	450	630	460	7.6	10.0	7.6
Machias-Eastport	6,450	6,450	6,620	6,060	6,000	6,120	380	460	500	6.0	7.1	7.5
Madawaska	3,740	3,750	3,770	3,600	3,590	3,640	140	160	130	3.7	4.3	3.4
Millinocket-East Millinocket	4,200	4,280	4,500	3,710	3,640	3,100	490	640	1,400	11.7	14.9	31.1
Norway-Paris	12,020	12,260	12,110	11,370	11,550	11,390	650	700	720	5.4	5.7	5.9
Outer Bangor	9,660	10,360	9,600	9,150	9,830	9,080	510	530	520	5.3	5.1	5.4
Patten-Island Falls	1,790	1,830	1,870	1,660	1,660	1,700	130	180	170	7.3	9.6	9.1
Portland MSA	150,000	146,700	147,000	146,600	143,000	143,000	3,300	3,700	3,900	2.2	2.5	2.7
Presque Isle-Caribou	21,590	22,080	21,350	20,700	21,090	20,400	890	1,000	950	4.1	4.5	4.5
Rockland	25,920	25,460	26,130	25,340	24,790	25,310	580	680	820	2.2	2.7	3.2
Rumford	9,840	9,690	9,620	9,150	8,950	8,800	690	740	820	7.0	7.7	8.5
Sanford	21,870	21,960	22,840	20,890	20,830	21,130	970	1,130	1,710	4.5	5.1	7.5
Sebago Lakes Region	15,860	15,520	15,890	15,290	14,880	15,240	580	640	650	3.6	4.1	4.1
Skowhegan	15,440	16,250	16,130	14,300	15,000	14,870	1,130	1,240	1,260	7.3	7.6	7.8
Stonington	6,700	6,130	6,610	6,580	5,990	6,450	120	140	160	1.8	2.3	2.4
Van Buren	1,390	1,440	1,410	1,330	1,370	1,340	50	60	70	3.8	4.5	5.0
Waterville	23,870	24,750	23,730	22,750	23,490	22,350	1,130	1,260	1,380	4.7	5.1	5.8
MAINE	718,000	712,600	714,200	693,000	684,100	682,700	25,000	28,500	31,600	3.5	4.0	4.4
UNITED STATES (000)	149,217	148,478	147,822	140,700	139,861	138,503	8,518	8,616	9,319	5.7	5.8	6.3

¹ Civilian labor force, employed, and unemployed estimates are by place of residence. Current month estimates are preliminary; prior month and year-ago estimates are revised. Items may not add due to rounding. All data exclude members of the Armed Forces. MSA stands for Metropolitan Statistical Area.

² Total employment includes nonfarm wage and salary workers, agricultural workers, unpaid family workers, domestics, the self employed, and workers involved in labor disputes.

³ People are classified as unemployed, regardless of their eligibility for unemployment benefits or public assistance, if they meet all of the following criteria: 1) they were not employed during the survey week; 2) they were available for work at that time; and 3) they made specific efforts to find employment some time during the prior four weeks. Persons laid off from their form unemployed.

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⁵ Kittery-York is the five-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Rochester PMSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

Source: Maine Department of Labor, Labor Market Information Services, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Civilian Labor Force, Employed, and Unemployed by County, Not Seasonally Adjusted¹

AREA	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	Jul 04	Jun 04	Jul 03	Jul 04	Jun 04	Jul 03	Jul 04	Jun 04	Jul 03	Jul 04	Jun 04	Jul 03
COUNTY												
Androscoggin	62,910	62,500	61,890	60,690	60,130	59,070	2,220	2,380	2,820	3.5%	3.8%	4.6%
Aroostook	38,720	39,420	38,420	36,870	37,230	36,410	1,840	2,190	2,010	4.8	5.6	5.2
Cumberland	156,470	153,560	153,680	152,930	149,540	149,480	3,540	4,020	4,210	2.3	2.6	2.7
Franklin	13,970	14,200	14,010	13,300	13,370	13,190	670	830	820	4.8	5.8	5.9
Hancock	33,730	31,850	33,260	32,760	30,730	32,310	970	1,120	940	2.9	3.5	2.8
Kennebec	61,170	61,090	60,810	58,830	58,570	57,910	2,340	2,510	2,900	3.8	4.1	4.8
Knox	23,110	22,710	23,330	22,600	22,110	22,580	510	600	750	2.2	2.6	3.2
Lincoln	20,580	19,880	20,550	20,170	19,390	20,030	410	490	520	2.0	2.4	2.5
Oxford	27,370	27,330	27,300	25,870	25,660	25,530	1,500	1,660	1,770	5.5	6.1	6.5
Penobscot	80,790	81,810	80,730	77,410	77,790	76,120	3,380	4,020	4,610	4.2	4.9	5.7
Piscataquis	8,090	8,280	8,120	7,720	7,820	7,550	370	460	570	4.5	5.6	7.0
Sagadahoc	16,040	16,150	15,860	15,580	15,680	15,350	460	480	510	2.8	2.9	3.2
Somerset	24,860	25,890	25,450	23,030	23,850	23,510	1,830	2,050	1,950	7.4	7.9	7.6
Waldo	24,430	24,410	24,500	23,690	23,590	23,550	750	820	940	3.1	3.4	3.8
Washington	16,050	16,010	16,190	15,030	14,820	14,870	1,020	1,190	1,320	6.3	7.4	8.2
York	109,760	107,540	110,140	106,540	103,820	105,230	3,230	3,720	4,910	2.9	3.5	4.5
MAINE	718,000	712,600	714,200	693,000	684,100	682,700	25,000	28,500	31,600	3.5	4.0	4.4
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¹ See page 2 for footnotes 1 through 4 and source.

Area Analyst's Corner

Central Maine Ken Bridges (207) 624-5199

Dragon Cement in Thomaston completed a \$150 million expansion, including a new manufacturing process, additions to its distribution system, and expanded storage capacity. ♦ In Augusta, **AdvanceTel** call center ceased operations and moved the bulk of its staff to an existing facility in Lewiston. Approximately 20 people lost their jobs. ♦ A new **Family Dollar** store opened in the Capitol Mall in Augusta. ♦ The **Firstpark** commercial/industrial superpark in Oakland wants to capitalize on luring its first major tenant, a new L.L. Bean customer service center. Firstpark officials have reworked and expanded their ad campaign, and have redesigned a soon-to-be constructed \$2.8 million spec building that better meets what businesses are indicating they want for infrastructure.

Western Maine Gerard Dennison (207) 753-9045

The new \$3.0 million **River Valley Technology Center** opened in downtown Rumford. The Center is a precision metal trades training facility and business incubator for start-up manufacturers. It also houses offices of the River Valley of Commerce, the Growth Council, and the Career Center. ♦ A new **Save-A-Lot Food Store** opened in South Paris in August with 20 new jobs. ♦ **Shaw's Supermarkets** opened a new store in Wiscasset with 95 new jobs. ♦ A new \$8 million traffic control tower is being constructed at the **Brunswick Naval Air Station**.

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Norsun Food Group, an Idaho-based food processor, closed their Fort Kent facility at the end of August. Formerly known as Northland Frozen Foods, the plant processed specialty potato products and employed approximately 50 area workers. St. John Valley farms that supplied potatoes will also be impacted. ♦ **Staples**, a national office supply store, opened at the Aroostook Center Mall in August, employing approximately 25 employees.

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Cianbro Corporation of Pittsfield received a contract for work on a 900-foot oil tanker; the work will be done at the Portland Ocean Terminal dock. The fast-track project will employ approximately 100 workers and begin in early September. ♦ In the Greater Portland area between June 2003 and June 2004, contracts for **future construction projects** in the nonresidential sector rose 27 percent to \$19 million. Housing contracts grew to \$35.5 million, a 6 percent increase. ♦ **Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Maine**, with offices in South Portland, is eliminating approximately 70 positions as a cost-savings measure.

Civilian Labor Force, Employed, and Unemployed in Maine, Seasonally Adjusted (in thousands)

ITEM	2004							2003						
	Jul	Jun	May	Apr	Mar	Feb	Jan	Dec	Nov	Oct	Sep	Aug	Jul	
Civilian Labor Force	697.6	699.9	700.8	695.5	693.7	698.1	699.0	699.4	697.9	696.0	696.6	695.6	693.8	
Employed	668.3	671.3	672.1	666.0	659.8	663.7	665.4	663.2	662.0	659.9	660.4	660.0	658.3	
Unemployed	29.3	28.6	28.7	29.5	33.9	34.4	33.7	36.2	35.9	36.2	36.1	35.7	35.5	
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.9	4.9	4.8	5.2	5.1	5.2	5.2	5.1	5.1	

¹ See page 2 for footnotes 1 through 4 and source.

Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment in Maine, Seasonally Adjusted¹ (in thousands)

INDUSTRY	2004							2003						
	Jul	Jun	May	Apr	Mar	Feb	Jan	Dec	Nov	Oct	Sep	Aug	Jul	
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment ²	611.5	610.1	609.9	607.6	607.5	607.3	607.7	609.1	608.0	607.2	607.0	607.0	605.9	
Construction	31.5	31.4	31.7	30.9	30.9	30.9	31.1	31.2	31.1	30.8	30.6	30.6	30.6	
Manufacturing	60.4	61.1	61.7	61.7	61.2	61.2	62.1	63.0	63.5	63.4	63.1	63.2	63.4	
Trade, Transportation and Public Utilities	124.5	124.4	123.6	123.0	123.7	123.9	123.7	124.7	124.3	123.8	123.2	123.6	122.9	
Professional and Business Services	51.0	50.8	50.4	50.2	49.8	50.2	50.8	51.3	51.5	51.5	51.0	50.7	50.3	
Educational and Health Services	109.1	108.5	108.3	108.1	108.0	107.9	107.7	107.5	107.8	107.3	107.5	107.2	107.2	
Leisure and Hospitality Services	59.2	58.8	59.3	58.5	59.2	59.4	59.2	59.1	58.2	58.7	58.2	58.5	58.4	
Government	104.5	104.3	103.8	104.1	104.0	103.8	104.1	103.8	103.5	103.2	103.2	103.2	103.6	

¹ See footnotes 1 and 2 on page 7. ²The nonfarm wage and salary estimate is seasonally adjusted independently. Not all supersectors are seasonally adjusted. Natural resources, information, financial activities, and other services are not suitable for seasonal adjustment because they have very little seasonal and irregular movement. Source: see page 2.

Maine Unemployment Rate 4.2 Percent in July

State Labor Commissioner Laura Fortman announced that the seasonally-adjusted July unemployment rate for Maine was 4.2 percent, well below the national July rate of 5.5 percent.

While the July rate for Maine of 4.2 percent was nearly unchanged from 4.1 percent for June, it has dropped by almost a full percentage point from the July 2003 rate of 5.1 percent, representing a decline of 6,200 in the number of unemployed to 29,300 in July 2004.

“Recent job gains continued in July, with an over-the-month increase of 1,400 seasonally-adjusted nonfarm wage and salary jobs,” said Commissioner Fortman. “The largest job gains were recorded in education and health services and leisure and hospitality services.”

Between July 2003 and July 2004, seasonally-adjusted nonfarm wage and salary jobs rose by 5,600 to 611,500. Job gains were recorded in retail trade, health care and social assistance, accommodation and food services, other services, construction, and professional and business services. Partly offsetting the job gains, there was a loss of 3,000 manufacturing jobs.

The July seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate for New Hampshire was 3.9 percent. The adjusted national rate for July was 5.5 percent, down from 5.6 percent in June and 6.2 percent in July 2003.

The not-seasonally-adjusted Maine unemployment rate for

July was 3.5 percent, down from 4.0 percent for June and 4.4 percent for July 2003. The unadjusted national rate was 5.7 percent for July, down from 5.8 percent in June and 6.3 percent in July 2003. Not-seasonally-adjusted July unemployment rates for Maine counties ranged from 2.0 percent in Lincoln County to 7.4 percent in Somerset County. Maine counties with rates at or below the statewide average of 3.5 percent include Lincoln, Knox, Cumberland, Sagadahoc, York, Hancock, Waldo, and Androscoggin. Maine counties with rates above the statewide average include Kennebec, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Aroostook, Franklin, Oxford, Washington, and Somerset.

Not-seasonally-adjusted nonfarm wage and salary jobs in Maine fell by 2,300 between June and July to 621,300. Local government jobs declined by 13,400 due to seasonal reductions of nonprofessional employees in local schools. These declines were largely offset by seasonal gains in accommodation and food services, retail trade, and construction.

Between July 2003 and July 2004, not-seasonally-adjusted nonfarm wage and salary jobs rose by 4,200. Job gains were recorded in retail trade, health care and social assistance, accommodation and food services, construction, and professional and business services. Losses were registered primarily in manufacturing, with the largest decline in paper manufacturing.

Selected Regular Unemployment Compensation Program Indicators

Key Data	Jul 2004	Jun 2004	Jul 2003
Average Duration	16.7	16.9	17.6
Average Weekly Benefit Amount*	\$230.40	\$235.94	\$226.13
Exhaustees	908	921	1,229

* For totally unemployed claimants, excluding dependency allowances.

Weekly Initial Claims

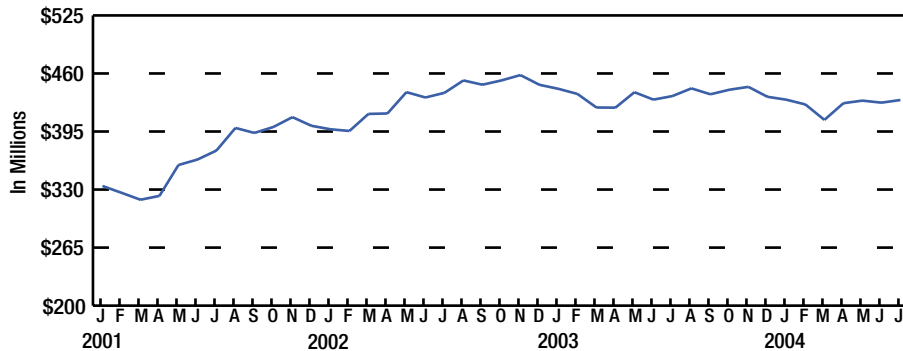
Week	8/14	8/7	7/31	7/24	7/17	7/10	7/3
2004	862	793	1,020	1,036	1,179	943	1,006
Week	8/16	8/9	8/2	7/26	7/19	7/12	7/5
2003	907	1,013	952	1,043	1,204	1,117	1,204

Continued Claims Less Partial*

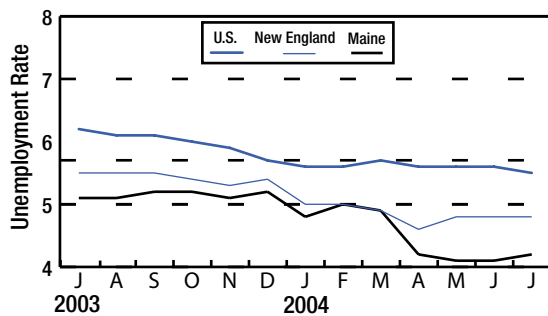
Jul 2004	Jun 2004	Jul 2003
6,560	8,014	6,866

* For the week including the 12th of the month.

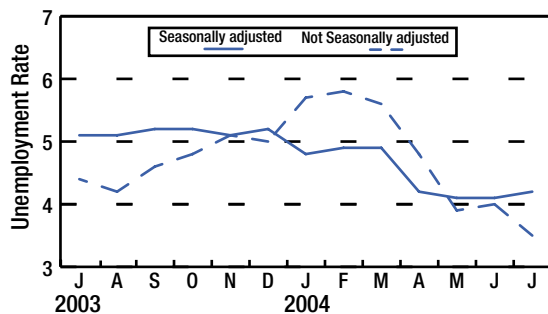
Monthly Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund Balance



Unemployment Rates, Seasonally Adjusted



Unemployment Rates for Maine



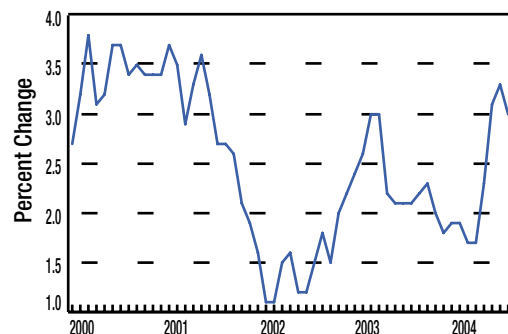
U.S. Consumer Price Index

for all urban consumers (CPI-U)

Item	Jul 04	Jun 04	Jul 03	Dec 03
(1982-1984 = 100) All Items	189.4	189.7	183.9	184.3

Percent Change from Prior Month	-0.2%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+3.0%
Percent change from Last December	+2.8%

Over-the-Year Change in CPI-U



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment, Not Seasonally Adjusted (in thousands)

INDUSTRY	MAINE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	Jul 04	Jun 04	Jul 03	Jul 04	Jun 04	Jul 03	Jul 04	Jun 04	Jul 03
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment¹	621.3	623.6	617.1	162.0	161.1	160.4	46.7	47.4	45.9
Total Private	529.3	518.4	525.6	143.3	140.6	141.9	42.2	41.9	41.4
Goods Producing	96.8	97.2	98.7	20.0	19.7	19.4	8.8	8.9	8.9
Natural Resources and Mining	2.5	2.2	2.7	*	*	*	*	*	*
Logging	2.4	2.1	2.5	*	*	*	*	*	*
Construction	34.2	33.4	33.1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Construction of Buildings	8.6	8.5	8.4	*	*	*	*	*	*
Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	4.4	4.1	4.7	*	*	*	*	*	*
Specialty Trade Contractors	21.2	20.8	20.0	*	*	*	*	*	*
Manufacturing	60.1	61.6	62.9	11.0	10.9	10.6	6.1	6.2	6.2
Durable Goods	32.5	33.1	33.1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Wood Product Manufacturing	6.1	6.2	6.3	*	*	*	*	*	*
Computer and Electronic Product Mfg.	4.0	4.0	3.8	2.5	2.5	2.2	*	*	*
Transportation Equipment Mfg.	10.1	10.2	10.0	*	*	*	*	*	*
Nondurable Goods	27.6	28.5	29.8	*	*	*	*	*	*
Leather and Allied Product Mfg.	1.5	2.3	1.6	*	*	*	*	*	*
Paper Manufacturing	9.6	9.7	10.3	*	*	*	*	*	*
Service-Providing	524.5	526.4	518.4	142.0	141.4	141.0	37.9	38.5	37.0
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	128.2	126.1	126.2	35.6	34.6	34.6	9.6	9.5	9.5
Wholesale Trade	21.5	21.2	21.3	7.7	7.7	7.5	1.3	1.3	1.4
Retail Trade	89.7	87.9	88.0	22.7	21.9	22.2	7.0	6.9	6.8
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	10.5	10.5	10.5	*	*	*	*	*	*
Food and Beverage Stores	20.8	20.4	20.6	5.0	4.9	4.8	*	*	*
General Merchandise Stores	11.8	11.7	11.7	*	*	*	*	*	*
Nonstore Retailers	7.6	7.2	7.2	*	*	*	*	*	*
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	17.0	17.0	16.9	5.2	5.0	4.9	1.3	1.3	1.3
Utilities	2.1	2.1	2.1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Transportation and Warehousing	14.9	14.9	14.8	*	*	*	*	*	*
Information	11.3	11.2	11.2	4.3	4.3	4.2	0.7	0.7	0.7
Publishing Industries	3.5	3.5	3.4	*	*	*	*	*	*
Financial Activities	35.4	35.2	35.5	13.9	13.9	14.6	3.1	3.0	3.0
Finance and Insurance	28.2	28.3	28.2	11.5	11.6	11.8	*	*	*
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	12.6	12.7	12.8	*	*	*	*	*	*
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	7.2	6.9	7.3	*	*	*	*	*	*
Professional and Business Services	52.3	52.1	51.5	19.0	18.9	19.0	5.8	5.8	5.6
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Svcs.	22.2	22.2	21.9	*	*	*	*	*	*
Mgmt. & Companies and Enterprises	6.2	6.1	5.9	*	*	*	*	*	*
Admin. & Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	23.9	23.8	23.7	*	*	*	*	*	*
Education and Health Services	108.0	107.4	106.4	26.1	26.4	25.6	9.0	9.1	8.6
Educational Services	17.1	16.7	17.0	*	*	*	*	*	*
Health Care and Social Assistance	90.9	90.7	89.4	23.0	23.3	22.7	*	*	*
Ambulatory Health Care Services	24.0	23.7	23.8	*	*	*	*	*	*
Hospitals	27.5	27.5	26.6	*	*	*	*	*	*
Nursing and Residential Care	23.2	23.1	22.9	*	*	*	*	*	*
Social Assistance	16.2	16.4	16.1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Leisure and Hospitality	75.2	67.5	74.1	18.5	16.9	18.5	3.8	3.5	3.7
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	10.8	9.7	10.7	*	*	*	*	*	*
Accommodation and Food Services	64.4	57.8	63.4	*	*	*	*	*	*
Accommodation	16.6	13.4	16.6	*	*	*	*	*	*
Food Services and Drinking Places	47.8	44.4	46.8	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other Services	22.1	21.7	22.0	5.9	5.9	6.0	1.4	1.4	1.4
Repair and Maintenance	5.5	5.5	5.3	*	*	*	*	*	*
Government	92.0	105.2	91.5	18.7	20.5	18.5	4.5	5.5	4.5
Federal	14.5	14.5	14.3	2.2	2.2	2.1	0.3	0.3	0.3
State	25.9	25.7	25.5	4.7	4.9	4.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
Local ²	51.6	65.0	51.7	11.8	13.4	11.6	3.4	4.4	3.4

Footnotes: See page 7

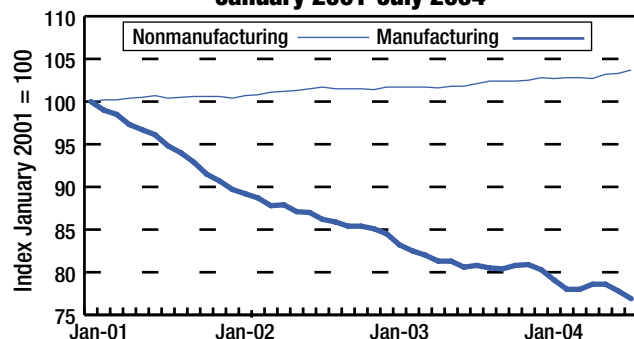
Earnings and Hours of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries¹ Not Seasonally Adjusted

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Jul 04	Jun 04	Jul 03	Jul 04	Jun 04	Jul 03	Jul 04	Jun 04	Jul 03	2003	2002	2001
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	669.80	657.98	648.40	39.4	39.4	40.0	17.00	16.70	16.21	\$16.28	\$15.55	\$14.71
Durable Goods	671.24	656.01	646.55	39.3	39.4	39.4	17.08	16.65	16.41	16.24	15.34	14.50
Nondurable Goods	667.95	660.34	649.22	39.5	39.4	40.5	16.91	16.76	16.03	16.31	15.75	14.92
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	547.42	548.06	563.68	40.4	40.9	42.8	13.55	13.40	13.17	13.06	12.92	12.52

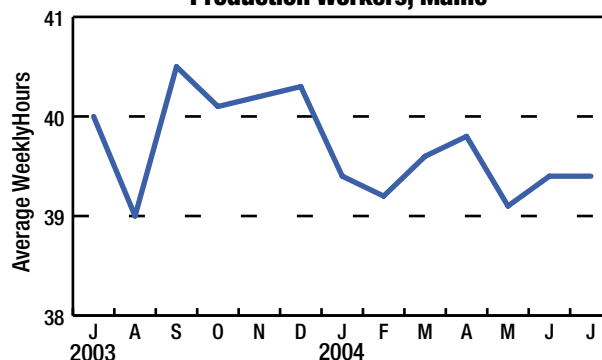
¹ Hours worked and earnings data are computed based on payroll figures for the week including the 12th of the month for manufacturing production workers. Average hourly earnings are calculated on a gross basis, and include such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differential, as well as changes in basic hourly and incentive rates of pay. Average weekly earnings are the product of weekly hours worked and hourly earnings.

Source: See page 2.

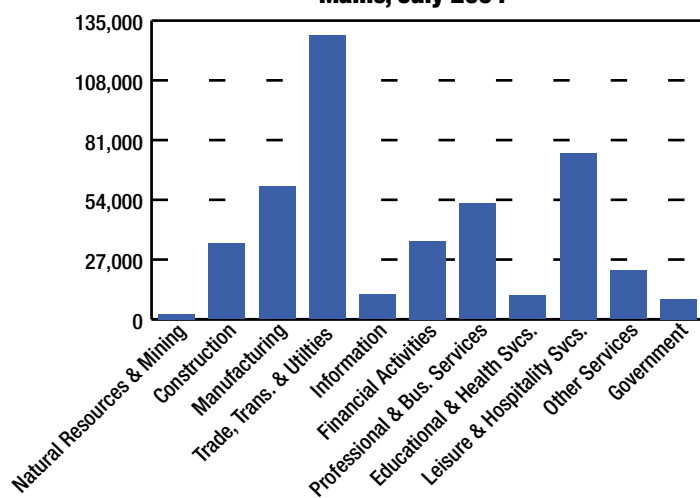
**Nonfarm Employment Trend by Sector
January 2001-July 2004¹**



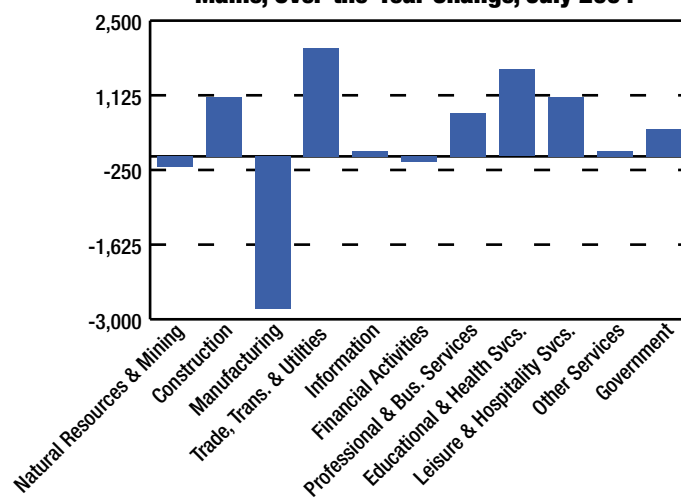
**Hours Worked by Manufacturing
Production Workers, Maine²**



**Nonfarm Employment by Industry Supersector
Maine, July 2004²**



**Nonfarm Employment by Industry Supersector
Maine, Over-the-Year Change, July 2004²**



¹ Seasonally Adjusted. ² Not Seasonally Adjusted.

Footnotes: From page 6.

¹ Nonfarm wage and salary employment estimates include all full- and part-time wage and salary workers who worked during or received pay for the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, the self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. Estimates measure the number of jobs by industry. Current month's estimates are preliminary; prior month and year-ago estimates are revised. These estimates are benchmarked to March 2003. As a measure of reliability, the March 2003 benchmark revision for total nonfarm wage and salary employment was .02 percent lower than the original sample-based estimate.

² Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months.

* Where an employment estimate is not entered, either the data is not available in sufficient detail for publication or is nondisclosable by law.

Source: See page 2.

Private Employers and Jobs by Establishment Size in Maine March, 1996-2004

Number of Employers									
Size	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
0-4	22,363	24,039	23,801	25,266	25,065	25,966	26,565	26,342	27,494
5-9	6,892	6,772	7,183	7,389	7,460	7,498	7,521	7,779	7,884
10-19	4,225	4,226	4,204	4,427	4,540	4,656	4,762	4,832	4,823
20-99	3,196	3,259	3,388	3,521	3,676	3,705	3,746	3,755	3,843
100-499	573	572	582	591	616	630	613	593	594
500+	57	61	60	58	62	63	54	50	50
Total	37,306	38,929	39,218	41,252	41,419	42,518	43,261	43,351	44,688

Number of Jobs									
Size	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
0-4	33,221	32,504	35,313	36,891	37,243	38,422	38,829	38,703	39,447
5-9	45,493	44,906	47,465	48,770	49,194	49,660	49,980	51,541	52,271
10-19	56,628	56,730	56,191	59,187	60,913	62,563	63,852	65,029	65,073
20-99	128,398	129,944	135,566	141,775	147,522	148,442	147,388	147,234	149,422
100-499	96,209	102,775	105,843	108,344	113,115	112,617	112,357	110,130	111,179
500+	59,819	61,680	61,827	61,166	63,970	65,429	58,313	56,182	56,073
Total	419,575	428,539	442,205	456,133	471,957	477,133	470,719	468,819	474,095

Note: Data for private establishments covered under the Maine Employment Security Law.
See related graph on page 1.

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